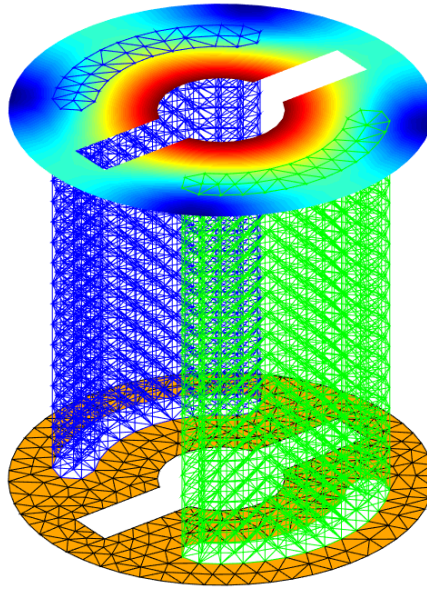


mVisuMesh Toolbox User's Guide, version 0.0.25*

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Abstract

mVisuMesh is a Matlab toolbox which allows to handle 2D and 3D simplicial meshes. Mesh loading, mesh visualization and data visualization are enabled. Possible mesh formats are the ones of Triangle (2D), FreeFem++/medit (2D-3D) and gmsh (2D-3D).

1 Introduction

This toolbox allows to read and to handle simplicial meshes generated by gmsh [5], FreeFem++/medit [4, 7] or Triangle [10].

Meshes could be used by image processing, finite element or finite volume computations.

Many functions are issued from *mOptFEMP1* [1] and *mVecFEMP1* [3, 2] packages (see François Cuvelier’s software page). Mesh reading and visualization have been extracted and improved from these packages to create the current package which is not specific to any research domain.

The toolbox has been tested from Matlab R2014a to R2016b. It has been tested under Linux (Ubuntu 14.04, 16.04, Debian 7, 8, CentOS 7, OpenSUSE 13.2) and Mac OS X (El Capitan).

2 Installation of the toolbox

mVisuMesh toolbox may be installed from a .mltbx file or from a typical archive file (of extension .tar.gz, .zip or .7z). Some mesh samples are available to test the toolbox.

2.1 Installation by the .mltbx file

If the toolbox is downloaded as a .mltbx file, the user can install it directly by selecting it by the Open button in the Matlab window.

One may also run the script *installmVisuMesh.m* in Matlab, which does the same.

```
installmVisuMesh
```

The toolbox files are installed in the Matlab userpath, which depends on the Matlab version.

2.2 Installation by an archive file (.zip, .tar.gz or .7z)

If the toolbox is downloaded as an archive type of extension .tar.gz, .zip or .7z, the files need only to be extracted. The user may extract the archive anywhere he wants.

For example, with tar command,

```
tar xvzf mVisuMesh-1.0.0.tar.gz
```

2.3 Meshes

Several meshes are used in demos. One needs to extract them from the mesh archive file *meshes.tar.gz* which can be downloaded with the toolbox.

```
tar xvzf meshes.tar.gz
```

3 Initialization

To use the toolbox the user needs to add the path of toolbox source files to his Matlab path.

3.1 Method with the .mltbx file

If the toolbox has been installed by the .mltbx file, toolbox source files are installed in the Matlab userpath. For example, for a Linux machine with R2016a Matlab version, the user needs to do the following

```
addpath('~/Documents/MATLAB/Add-Ons/Toolboxes/mVisuMesh/code');
```

For Matlab versions from R2014b and strictly before R2016a

```
addpath('~/Documents/MATLAB/Toolboxes/mVisuMesh/');
```

The user needs to add the paths of the toolbox subdirectories.

3.2 Method with a typical archive file (.zip, .tar.gz or .7z)

```
addpath('<path>/mVisuMesh/');
```

The user needs to add the paths of the toolbox subdirectories.

3.3 Mesh samples

The user needs to add the path of the mesh samples to his path.

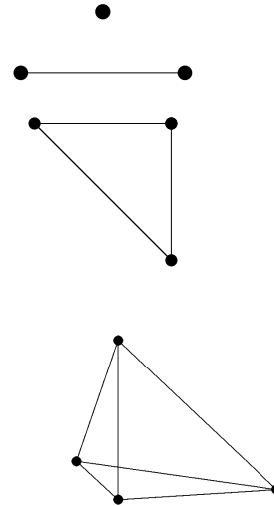
4 Reading a mesh

In the toolbox only meshes composed of d -simplices are considered. A mesh structure close to the one in FreeFem++ is used in the toolbox.

4.1 About d -simplices

A d -simplex is made of $(d+1)$ vertices. Most common d -simplices are the following:

- A 0-simplex is a node or a vertex.
- A 1-simplex is a segment.
- A 2-simplex is a triangle.
- A 3-simplex is a tetrahedron.



4.2 Description of the mesh structure

The data structure associated to a mesh employs many notations already used in FreeFem++ (see [7]). See also the report about the vecFEMP1 package [2].



Mesh structure associated to $\mathcal{T}_h$

d	: integer simplex dimension
dim	: integer space dimension
n _q	: integer number of vertices
n _{me}	: integer number of elements (d-simplices)
n _{be}	: integer number of boundary elements ((d−1)-simplices)
q	: dim-by-n _q array of reals array of vertex coordinates
me	: (d+1)-by-n _{me} array of integers connectivity array for mesh elements
mel	: 1-by-n _{me} array of integers array of mesh element labels
be	: d-by-n _{be} array of integers connectivity array for boundary elements
bel	: 1-by-n _{be} array of integers array of boundary element labels
vols	: 1-by-n _{me} array of reals array of mesh element volumes
h	: double mesh step size (=maximum edge length in the mesh)
hmin	: double minimum edge length in the mesh
info	: two field structure containing the name and the format of the mesh file

More precisely

- $q(\nu, j)$ is the ν -th coordinate of the j -th vertex, $\nu \in \{1, \dots, \text{dim}\}$, $j \in \{1, \dots, n_q\}$. The j -th vertex will be also denoted by $q^j = q(:, j)$.
- $\text{me}(\beta, k)$ is the storage index of the β -th vertex of the k -th element (d-simplex), in the array q , for $\beta \in \{1, \dots, d + 1\}$ and $k \in \{1, \dots, n_{\text{me}}\}$. So $q(:, \text{me}(\beta, k))$ represents the coordinates of the β -th vertex of the k -th mesh element.
- $\text{be}(\beta, l)$ is the storage index of the β -th vertex of the l -th boundary element ((d−1)-simplex), in the array q , for $\beta \in \{1, \dots, d\}$ and $l \in \{1, \dots, n_{\text{be}}\}$. So $q(:, \text{be}(\beta, l))$ represents the coordinates of the β -th vertex of the l -th boundary element.
- $\text{mel}(k)$ is the label of the k -th d-simplex .
- $\text{vols}(k)$ is the volume of the k -th d-simplex .
- info.name is a string of the short name of the mesh file (=relative path in Linux).
 info.format is the format of the mesh file: it can be 'freefem', 'medit' or 'gmsh'.

For example, we give in Figure 1 a ring mesh with 36 vertices, 48 mesh elements and 24 boundary elements. The data structure associated to the mesh is denoted by $\mathcal{T}_h$ and verifies

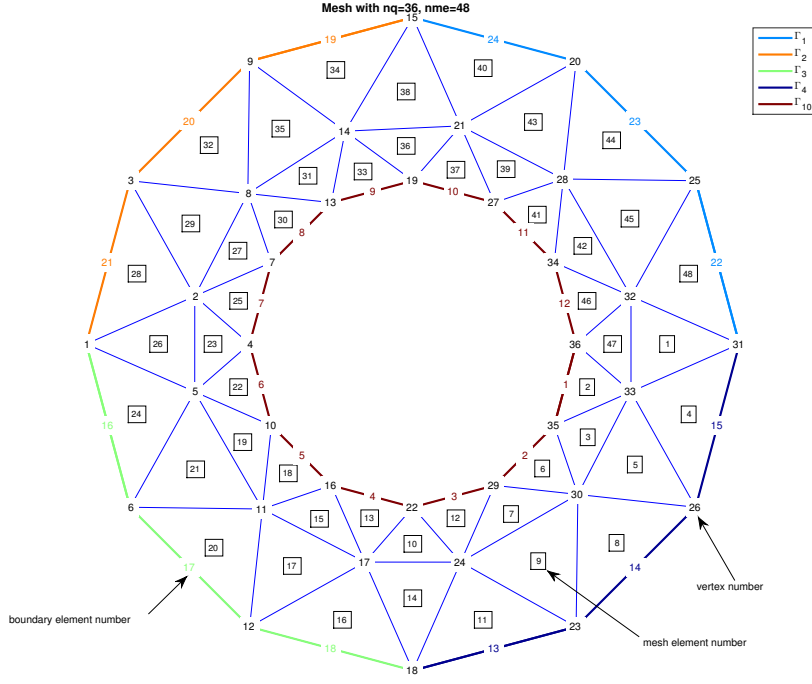


Figure 1: Coarse ring mesh

$$\mathcal{T}_h.n_q = 36, \mathcal{T}_h.n_{me} = 48, \mathcal{T}_h.n_{be} = 24,$$

$$\mathcal{T}_h.q = \begin{pmatrix} \begin{matrix} 1 & 2 & 3 & 34 & 35 & 36 \end{matrix} \\ \begin{matrix} -1.000 & -0.668 & -0.866 & \dots & 0.433 & 0.433 & 0.500 \\ 0.000 & 0.146 & 0.500 & \dots & 0.250 & -0.250 & -0.000 \end{matrix} \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\mathcal{T}_h.me = \begin{pmatrix} \begin{matrix} 1 & 2 & 3 & 4 & 5 & 44 & 45 & 46 & 47 & 48 \end{matrix} \\ \begin{matrix} 33 & 35 & 35 & 31 & 30 & \dots & 25 & 32 & 32 & 33 & 31 \\ 31 & 33 & 30 & 33 & 26 & \dots & 20 & 25 & 34 & 32 & 25 \\ 32 & 36 & 33 & 26 & 33 & \dots & 28 & 28 & 36 & 36 & 32 \end{matrix} \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\mathcal{T}_h.be = \begin{pmatrix} \begin{matrix} 1 & 2 & 3 & 4 & 5 & 20 & 21 & 22 & 23 & 24 \end{matrix} \\ \begin{matrix} 36 & 35 & 29 & 22 & 16 & \dots & 9 & 3 & 31 & 25 & 20 \\ 35 & 29 & 22 & 16 & 10 & \dots & 3 & 1 & 25 & 20 & 15 \end{matrix} \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\mathcal{T}_h.bel = \begin{pmatrix} \begin{matrix} 1 & 2 & 3 & 4 & 5 & 20 & 21 & 22 & 23 & 24 \end{matrix} \\ \begin{matrix} 10 & 10 & 10 & 10 & 10 & \dots & 2 & 2 & 1 & 1 & 1 \end{matrix} \end{pmatrix}$$

Figure 1 could be created using the functions provided by visuMesh package. This figure allows to explain more easily the content of mesh files and the link between vertex coordinates q and connectivity array me .

4.3 Supported mesh types

Only few mesh formats are supported by the toolbox. Table 1 details supported mesh formats, the space dimension and mesh file extension. A list of 2D or 3D mesh samples generated by *gmsh* is available online at <https://www.math.univ-paris13.fr/~cuvellier/software/gmshgeo.html>.

	2D				3D	
mesh software	freefem	medit	triangle	gmsh	freefem/medit	gmsh
mesh file extension	.msh	.mesh	—	.msh	.mesh	.msh

Table 1: File extension and mesh format

4.4 *GetMeshOpt* function

4.4.1 Description

In the toolbox the function *GetMeshOpt* enables to read a mesh and to construct the mesh structure. Mesh file name and the space dimension are required.

4.4.2 Usage

- Basic usage

```
Th=GetMeshOpt ( cFileName , dim ) ;
```

- With all options

```
Th=GetMeshOpt ( cFileName , dim , 'format ' , ... ) ;
```

4.4.3 Arguments

***cFileName* (input parameter)** is a string which contains the mesh file name. An absolute path is enabled.

***dim* (input parameter)** is an integer which defines the space dimension. For example, if $dim = 3$, then the mesh is a 3D mesh and there are 3 coordinates for each vertex.

***d* (optional input parameter of type *addParameter*)** is an integer for simplex dimension, $d \leq dim$.

***format* (optional input parameter of type *addParameter*)** is a string to define the mesh type. Only possible values are 'freefem', 'gmsh', 'medit' or 'triangle'. Default value is 'freefem'. In 3D 'freefem' and 'medit' formats are supposed to be identical.

***Th* (output argument)** is a mesh structure. See 4.2.

In the following, the mesh structure *Th* is defined using *GetMeshOpt* function for 2D and 3D examples. The function *PrintMesh* gives statistics about the mesh (number of vertices or elements, mesh step size, ...)

4.4.4 Examples

Reading 2D *FreeFem++* mesh files

By default 2D mesh format is freefem (FreeFem++ format).

```
Th=GetMeshOpt ( ' disk4 -1-50.msh ' , 2 ) ;
PrintMesh ( Th ) ;
```

Listing 1: 2D FreeFem++ mesh

```
-----
Mesh: disk4-1-50.msh
dim=2, d=2, format=freefem
nq=3576, nme=6950, nbe=200
hmax=0.055886, hmin=0.022214
-----
```

Reading 2D *Triangle* mesh files

For *Triangle* mesh files, the user has to set the format option as *triangle*.

```
Th=GetMeshOpt('box.1',2,'format','triangle');  
PrintMesh(Th);
```

Listing 2: 2D Triangle mesh

```
-----  
Mesh: box.1  
dim=2, d=2, format=triangle  
nq=12, nme=12, nbe=12  
hmax=1.500000, hmin=1.000000  
-----
```

Reading 2D or 3D *medit* mesh files

3D default mesh format is *medit*. Two examples for *medit* are given in the following, for each dimension

```
Th=GetMeshOpt('rect_bis2.mesh',2, ...  
    'format','medit');  
PrintMesh(Th);
```

Listing 3: 2D medit mesh

```
-----  
Mesh: rect_bis2.mesh  
dim=2, d=2, format=medit  
nq=2691, nme=5192, nbe=188  
hmax=0.023424, hmin=0.009316  
-----
```

```
Th=GetMeshOpt('cube6-1-3.mesh',3);  
PrintMesh(Th);
```

Listing 4: 3D medit mesh

```
-----  
Mesh: cube6-1-3.mesh  
dim=3, d=3, format=medit  
nq=64, nme=162, nbe=108  
hmax=0.577351, hmin=0.333333  
-----
```

Reading 2D or 3D *gmsh* mesh files

For a *gmsh* file, the 'format' option with value 'gmsh' is required.

```
Th=GetMeshOpt('magnetism.msh',2, ...  
    'format','gmsh');  
PrintMesh(Th);
```

Listing 5: 2D gmsh mesh

```
-----  
Mesh: magnetism.msh  
dim=2, d=2, format=gmsh  
nq=1924, nme=3720, nbe=126  
hmax=0.068956, hmin=0.022419  
-----
```

```
Th=GetMeshOpt('sphere8-4.msh',3, ...  
    'format','gmsh');  
PrintMesh(Th);
```

Listing 6: 3D gmsh mesh

```
-----  
Mesh: sphere8-4.msh  
dim=3, d=3, format=gmsh  
nq=1769, nme=7214, nbe=2022  
hmax=0.322268, hmin=0.067119  
-----
```

5 Plotting a mesh

In this section some functions are introduced to represent a mesh and its boundaries. Some other functions are also presented and can be used for debugging or for an educational purpose as they provide vertex, element or boundary element numbers. Here is the summary of the functions described in the section

PlotMesh function - To display a 2D or 3D mesh

PlotBounds function - To display the boundaries of a 2D or 3D mesh

PlotNodeNumber function - To display the node numbers in a 2D mesh

PlotTriangleNumber function - To display the triangle numbers in a 2D mesh

PlotEdgeNumber function - To display the boundary edge numbers in a 2D mesh

PlotBasicFunc function - To display the $\mathbb{P}^1$ basis function of a given vertex (only 2D)

5.1 *PlotMesh* function

5.1.1 Description

PlotMesh function allows to display a 2D or 3D mesh. The only required argument is the mesh structure.

5.1.2 Usage

- Basic usage

```
Th=GetMeshOpt ( ... ) ;  
PlotMesh(Th) ;
```

- With all options

```
Th=GetMeshOpt ( ... ) ;  
PlotMesh(Th, 'LineWidth' , ... , 'Color' , ... , 'RGBcolors' , ... , ...  
          'FaceAlpha' , ... , 'labels' , ... ) ;
```

5.1.3 Arguments

Th (input parameter) is a mesh structure (see 4.2)

Color (optional parameter of type *addParameter*) is a string which defines the color of mesh lines. Default value is the empty string.

RGBcolors (optional parameter of type *addParameter*) is an array of RGB values (doubles between 0 and 1) to set RGB values of the mesh lines. Each region may be identified by a different RGB. Default value is the empty array.

LineWidth (optional parameter of type *addParameter*) is a double which sets the line width of mesh lines. Default value is 0.5.

FaceAlpha (optional parameter of type *addParameter*) is an integer which sets the transparency (only in 3D). 'FaceAlpha'=0 means no transparency. Default value is 0.

labels (optional parameter of type *addParameter*) is an array of labels (integer) to plot only specific regions. Default value is the empty array.

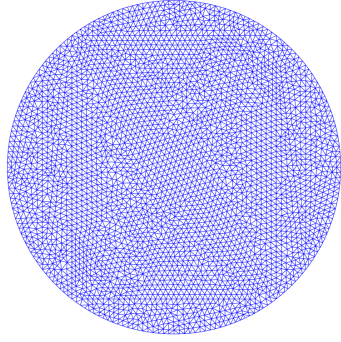
Legend (optional parameter of type *addParameter*) is a boolean to display the legend or not. Default value is false. If true, the Ω symbol is used to denote each region.

No output argument

If both 'Color' and 'RGBcolors' are empty then RGBcolors prevails and is defined by the function *select_colors* of Timothy E. Holy - see [8] which allows to assign a different color to each subdomain. If both 'Color' and 'RGBcolors' are unempty then 'Color' prevails. As 'Color' is given by a string, it is converted to an RGB value using the table given in Scalable Vector Graphics W3C web site.

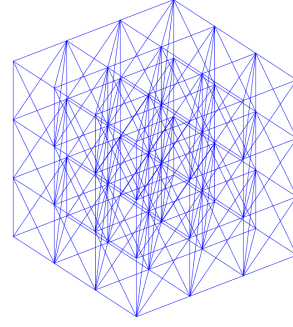
5.1.4 Examples

Listings 7 and 8 show basic examples of using *PlotMesh* in 2D and 3D for a FreeFem++ and a Medit mesh respectively. Listings 9 and 10 deal with the use of *LineWidth* and *RGBcolors* options. Using other options is similar. Listings 11 and 12 are examples of 2D and 3D meshes made of several physical domains.



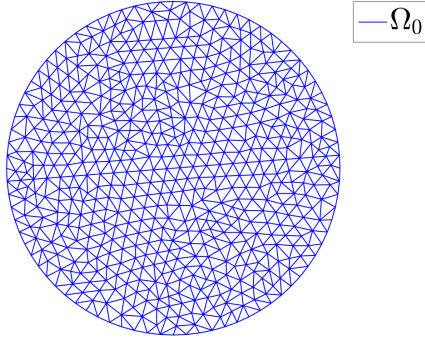
```
Th=GetMeshOpt('disk4-1-50.msh',2);
PlotMesh(Th);
```

Listing 7: 2D *PlotMesh* sample



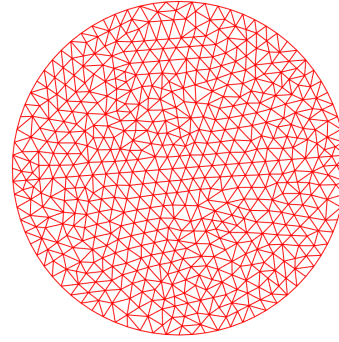
```
Th=GetMeshOpt('cube6-1-3.mesh',3);
PlotMesh(Th);
```

Listing 8: 3D *PlotMesh* sample



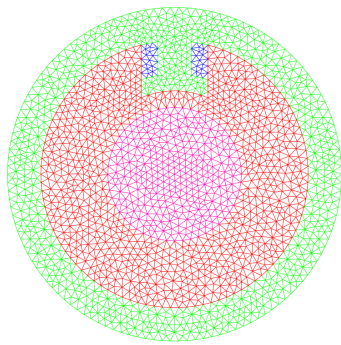
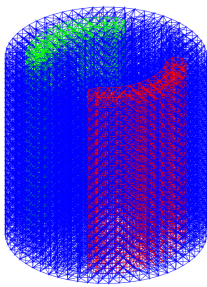
```
Th=GetMeshOpt('disque4-1-20.msh',2);
PlotMesh(Th,'LineWidth',1.0,...
'Legend',true);
```

Listing 9: 2D *PlotMesh* sample with a legend

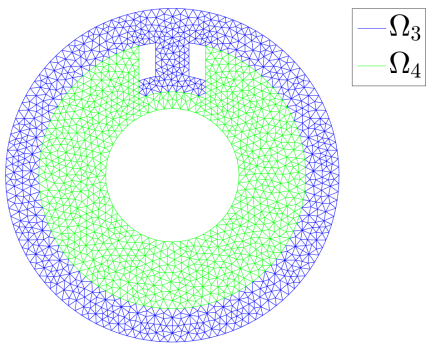
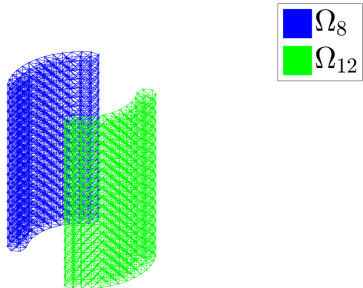


```
Th=GetMeshOpt('disque4-1-20.msh',2);
PlotMesh(Th,'LineWidth',1.0,...
'RGBcolors',[1 0 0]);
```

Listing 10: 2D *PlotMesh* sample with a color

 <pre data-bbox="252 613 775 701"> Th=GetMeshOpt('magnetism.msh', 2, ... 'format', 'gmsh'); PlotMesh(Th); </pre> Listing 11: 2D <i>PlotMesh</i> sample	 <pre data-bbox="807 613 1331 701"> Th=GetMeshOpt(... 'FlowVelocity3d01-3.mesh', 3); PlotMesh(Th); </pre> Listing 12: 3D <i>PlotMesh</i> sample
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In Listing 14 only labels 8 and 12 are shown (to be compared with Listing 12).

 <pre data-bbox="244 1330 767 1449"> Th=GetMeshOpt('magnetism.msh', 2, ... 'format', 'gmsh'); PlotMesh(Th, 'labels', [3 ... 4], 'Legend', true); </pre> Listing 13: 2D <i>PlotMesh</i> using <i>labels</i> option	 <pre data-bbox="798 1330 1321 1449"> Th=GetMeshOpt(... 'FlowVelocity3d01-3.mesh', 3); PlotMesh(Th, 'labels', [8 ... 12], 'Legend', true); </pre> Listing 14: 3D <i>PlotMesh</i> using <i>labels</i> option
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5.2.1 Description

PlotBounds function allows to display the boundaries of a 2D or 3D mesh. The only required argument is the mesh structure.

5.2.2 Usage

- Basic usage

```
Th=GetMeshOpt ( ... ) ;
PlotBounds ( Th ) ;
```

- With all options

```
Th=GetMeshOpt ( ... ) ;
rgbcol=PlotBounds ( Th, 'LineWidth' , ... , 'Color' , ... , ...
    'RGBcolors' , ... , 'Legend' , ... , 'FontSize' , ... , 'labels' , ... ) ;
```

5.2.3 Arguments

Th (input parameter) is a mesh structure (see 4.2)

LineWidth (optional parameter of type *addParameter*) is a double which sets the line width of boundaries (only in 2D). Default value is 2.

Color (optional parameter of type *addParameter*) is a string which defines the color of boundaries. Default value is the empty string.

RGBcolors (optional parameter of type *addParameter*) is an array of RGB values (doubles between 0 and 1) to set RGB values of the boundaries. Each boundary may be identified by a different RGB. Default value is the empty array.

Legend (optional parameter of type *addParameter*) is a bool to display the legend or not. Default value is *true*. The Γ symbol is used to denote each boundary.

FontSize (optional parameter of type *addParameter*) is an integer to set the font size of the legend. Default value is 10.

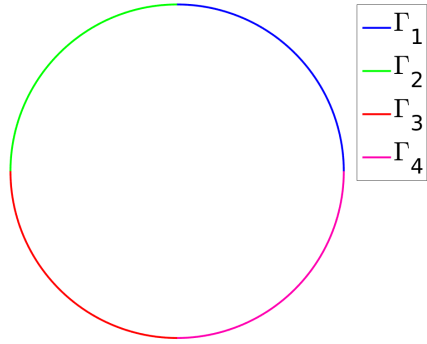
labels (optional parameter of type *addParameter*) is an array of labels (integer) to plot only specific regions.

rgbcol optional output argument is the array of the RGB colors used by the plot. Default value is the empty array.

If 'Color' and 'RGBcolors' are both empty, as for *PlotMesh* in 5.1 then RGBcolors prevails and is defined by the function *select_colors* of Timothy E. Holy - see [8] which allows to set a different color to each subdomain. If both 'Color' and 'RGBcolors' are unempty then Color prevails. If 'Color' is given by a string, it is converted to an RGB value using the table given in Scalable Vector Graphics W3C web site

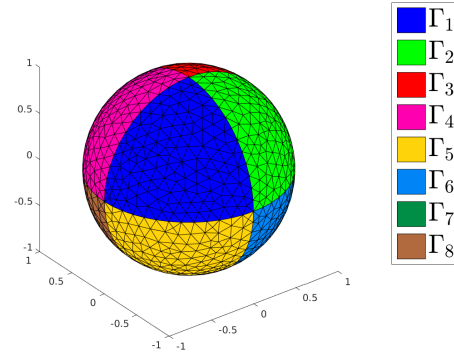
5.2.4 Examples

Listings 15 and 16 show basic examples of using *PlotBounds* in 2D and 3D. Listing 17 deals with the use of *Color* option. Using other options is similar. Listing 20 is an example of the labels option for a 3D mesh. Listings 18 and 19 show examples combining *PlotMesh* and *PlotBounds* functions and also the use of labels option. In figures of Listings 18, 19, and 21 it is not possible to have legends for both domains and boundaries.



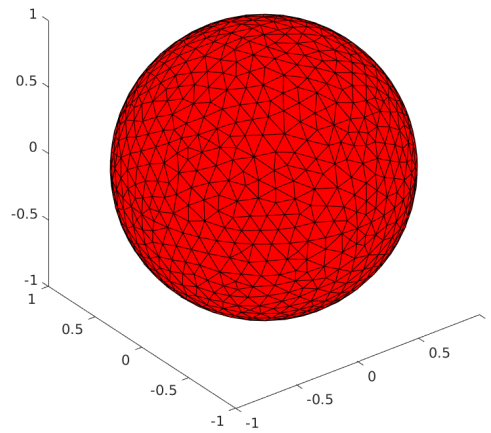
```
Th=GetMeshOpt('disk4-1-50.msh',2);
PlotBounds(Th);
```

Listing 15: 2D *PlotBounds* sample



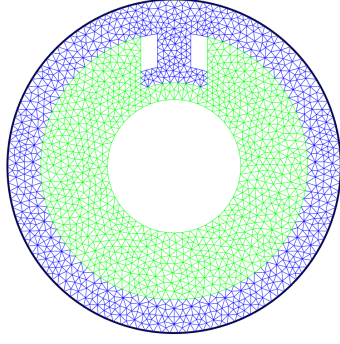
```
Th=GetMeshOpt('sphere8-4.msh',3, ...
'format','gmsh');
PlotBounds(Th);
axis image;
```

Listing 16: 3D *PlotBounds* sample



```
Th=GetMeshOpt('sphere8-4.msh',3, 'format','gmsh');
PlotBounds(Th,'Color','red','Legend',false);
axis image;
```

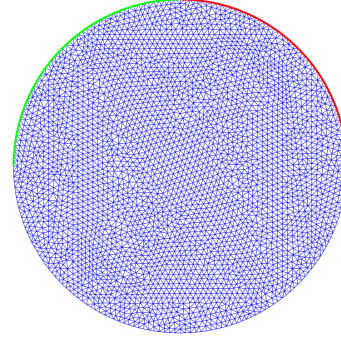
Listing 17: 3D *PlotBounds* sample in only red color



Γ_1

```
Th=GetMeshOpt('magnetism.msh',2, ...
    'format','gmsht');
PlotBounds(Th,'Color','black');
PlotMesh(Th,'labels',[3,4]);
```

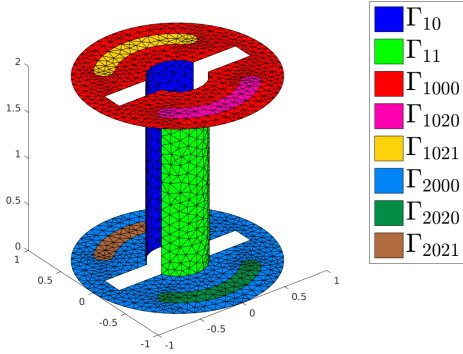
Listing 18: *PlotMesh*+*PlotBounds* sample



Γ_1
 Γ_2

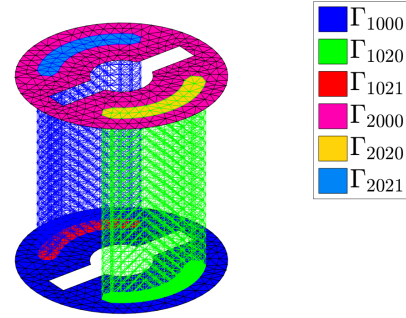
```
Th=GetMeshOpt('disk4-1-50.msh',2);
PlotMesh(Th);
PlotBounds(Th,'labels',[1,2], ...
    'RGBcolors',[1,0,0;0,1,0]);
```

Listing 19: *PlotBounds*+*PlotMesh* sample



```
Th=GetMeshOpt('cylinderkey-10.msh', ...
    3, 'format','gmsht');
PlotBounds(Th,'labels',[10 11 1000 ...
    1020 1021 2000 2020 2021]);
axis image;
```

Listing 20: 3D *PlotBounds* sample



```
Th=GetMeshOpt(...
    'FlowVelocity3d01-3.mesh',3);
PlotBounds(Th,'labels',[1000 1020 ...
    1021 2000 2020 2021]);
PlotMesh(Th,'labels',[8,12]);
```

Listing 21: *PlotBounds*+*PlotMesh* sample

5.3 *PlotNodeNumber* function

5.3.1 Description

PlotNodeNumber function allows to display numbers of nodes in a mesh. The only required argument is the mesh structure. This function could be useful for debugging or for an educational purpose.

The function is limited to the 2D case and should be used for meshes containing few vertices.

5.3.2 Usage

- Basic usage

```
Th=GetMeshOpt(...);
PlotNodeNumber(Th);
```

- With all options

```
Th=GetMeshOpt ( ... ) ;
PlotNodeNumber (Th, ' BackgroundColor ' , ... , ' FontSize ' , ... , ' Color ' , ... , ' C ' , ... ) ;
```

5.3.3 Arguments

Th (input parameter) is a mesh structure (see 4.2)

BackgroundColor (optional parameter of type *addParameter*) is a RGB value which sets the background color. Default value is [1 1 1] (white).

FontSize (optional parameter of type *addParameter*) is an integer to set the font size of node numbers. Default value is 10.

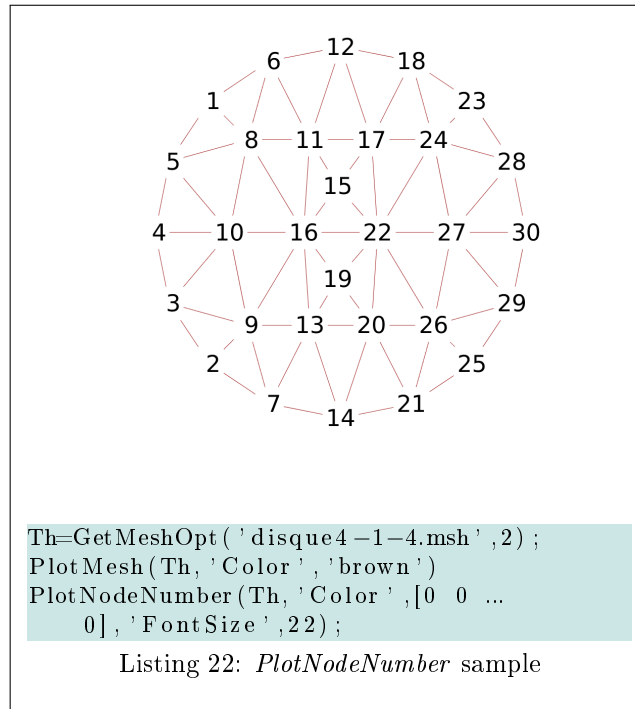
Color (optional parameter of type *addParameter*) is a RGB value (doubles between 0 and 1) to set RGB value of the number color. Default value is [0 0 0] (black).

C (optional parameter of type *addParameter*) is an integer equal to the shift for node numbering (equal to 0 or 1). Default value is 0. If C=0, node numbering goes from 1 to Th.nq else from 0 to Th.nq-1.

No output argument

5.3.4 Examples

Listing 22 is an example of using *PlotNodeNumber* combined with *PlotMesh*.



5.4 *PlotTriangleNumber* function

5.4.1 Description

PlotTriangleNumber function allows to display triangle numbers in a 2D mesh. The only required argument is the mesh structure. This function could be useful for debugging or for an educational purpose. A call to the function *PlotMesh* is required before the call to *PlotTriangleNumber*.

The function is limited to the 2D case and should be used for meshes containing few triangular elements.

5.4.2 Usage

- Basic usage

```
Th=GetMeshOpt (...);
PlotTriangleNumber(Th);
```

- With all options

```
Th=GetMeshOpt (...);
PlotTriangleNumber(Th, 'BackgroundColor', ..., 'FontSize', ..., 'Color', ..., ...
    'EdgeColor', ..., 'C', ...);
```

5.4.3 Arguments

Th (input parameter) is a mesh structure (see 4.2)

BackgroundColor (optional parameter of type *addParameter*) is a RGB value which sets the background color. Default value is [1 1 1] (white).

FontSize (optional parameter of type *addParameter*) is an integer to set the font size of triangle numbers. Default value is 10.

Color (optional parameter of type *addParameter*) is a RGB value (doubles between 0 and 1) to set RGB value of the number color. Default value is [0 0 0] (black).

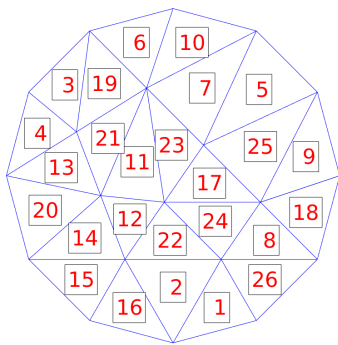
EdgeColor (optional parameter of type *addParameter*) is a RGB value (doubles between 0 and 1) to set RGB value of the number color on edges. Default value is [0 0 0] (black).

C (optional parameter of type *addParameter*) is an integer equal to 0 or 1 for the numbering shift (if C=1, numbering starts from 0). Default value is 0.

No output argument

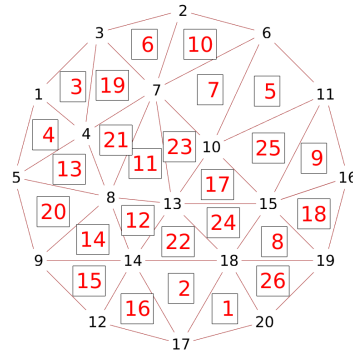
5.4.4 Examples

Listing 23 is an example of using *PlotTriangleNumber* combined with *PlotMesh*. Listing 24 depicts a more complete example including *PlotMesh*, *PlotNodeNumber* and *PlotTriangleNumber*.



```
Th=GetMeshOpt('disque4-1-3.msh',2);
PlotMesh(Th);
PlotTriangleNumber(Th,'Color',[1 0 ...
    0],'FontSize',22);
```

Listing 23: *PlotTriangleNumber* sample



```
Th=GetMeshOpt('disque4-1-3.msh',2);
PlotMesh(Th,'Color','brown');
PlotNodeNumber(Th,'FontSize',16);
PlotTriangleNumber(Th,'Color',[1 0 ...
    0],'FontSize',22);
```

Listing 24: *PlotTriangleNumber* + *PlotNodeNumber* sample

5.5.1 Description

PlotEdgeNumber function allows to display boundary edge numbers in a 2D mesh. The only required argument is the mesh structure. This function could be useful for debugging or for an educational purpose. A call to the function *PlotMesh* is required before the call to *PlotEdgeNumber*.

The function is limited to the 2D case.

5.5.2 Usage

- Basic usage

```
Th=GetMeshOpt ( ... ) ;
PlotEdgeNumber ( Th ) ;
```

- With all options

```
Th=GetMeshOpt ( ... ) ;
PlotEdgeNumber ( Th, 'RGBTextColors' , ... , 'RGBEdgeColors' , ... , ...
    'BackgroundColor' , ... , 'FontSize' , ... , 'FontWeight' , ... , 'Color' , ... , ...
    'EdgeColor' , ... , 'LineWidth' , ... , 'LineStyle' , ... ) ;
```

5.5.3 Arguments

Th (input parameter) is a mesh structure (see 4.2)

RGBTextColors (optional parameter of type *addParameter*) sets the RGB color of boundary edge numbers. Default value is an empty array.

RGBEdgeColors (optional parameter of type *addParameter*) sets the RGB color of boundary box edge numbers. Default value is an empty array.

BackgroundColor (optional parameter of type *addParameter*) is a RGB value which sets the boundary edge number background box color. Default value is [1 1 1] (white).

FontSize (optional parameter of type *addParameter*) is an integer to set the font size of boundary node numbers. Default value is 10.

FontWeight (optional parameter of type *addParameter*) is a string to define set the boundary edge number font weight as 'normal', 'bold', 'light' or 'demi'. Default value is 'normal'.

Color (optional parameter of type *addParameter*) is a RGB value (doubles between 0 and 1) to set RGB value of the number color. Default value is [0 0 0] (black).

EdgeColor (optional parameter of type *addParameter*) is a RGB value (doubles between 0 and 1) to set RGB value of the number color on edges. Default value is [0 0 0] (black).

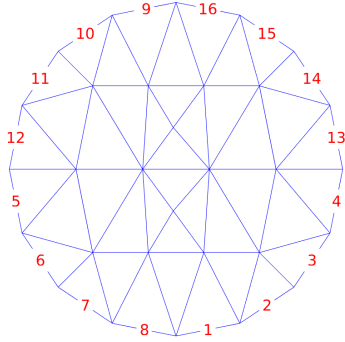
LineWidth (optional parameter of type *addParameter*) is a double which sets the line width of mesh lines. Default value is 0.5.

LineStyle (optional parameter of type *addParameter*) sets the line style of mesh lines to 'none', '-', 'o-', 'x-' or '-.' Default value is 'none'.

No output argument

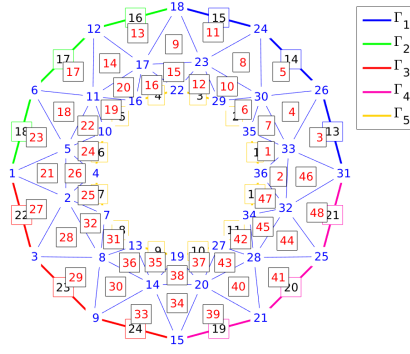
5.5.4 Examples

Listing 25 is an example of using *PlotEdgeNumber* combined with *PlotMesh*. Listing 26 depicts a more complete example including *PlotMesh*, *PlotBounds*, *PlotNodeNumber* and *PlotTriangleNumber* functions. This example corresponds to the Figure 1 which explains the mesh structure (see also 4.2).



```
Th=GetMeshOpt('disque4-1-4.msh',2);
PlotMesh(Th);
PlotEdgeNumber(Th,'Color',[1 0 ...
0], 'FontSize',16);
```

Listing 25: *PlotEdgeNumber* sample



```
Th=GetMeshOpt('Ring-3.msh',2);
PlotMesh(Th,'RGBcolors',...
selectColors(length(...
unique(Th.bel))+1));
RGBcolors=PlotBounds(Th,'FontSize',15);
PlotEdgeNumber(Th,'RGBEdgeColors',...
RGBcolors,'Color',[0 0 ...
0], 'LineStyle','-',...
'LineWidth',0.5, 'FontSize',12);
PlotNodeNumber(Th,'Color',[0 0 ...
1], 'FontSize',12);
PlotTriangleNumber(Th,'Color',[1 0 ...
0], 'FontSize',12);
```

Listing 26: *PlotEdgeNumber* + *PlotNodeNumber* + *PlotTriangleNumber* sample

5.6 *PlotBasisFunc* function

5.6.1 Description

PlotBasisFunc function allows to display the $\mathbb{P}^1$ basis function of a given vertex. The mesh structure and the vertex number are required. This function could be useful for debugging or for an educational purpose.

The function is limited to the 2D case.

5.6.2 Usage

- Basic usage

```
Th=GetMeshOpt(...);
n=...;
PlotBasisFunc(Th,n);
```

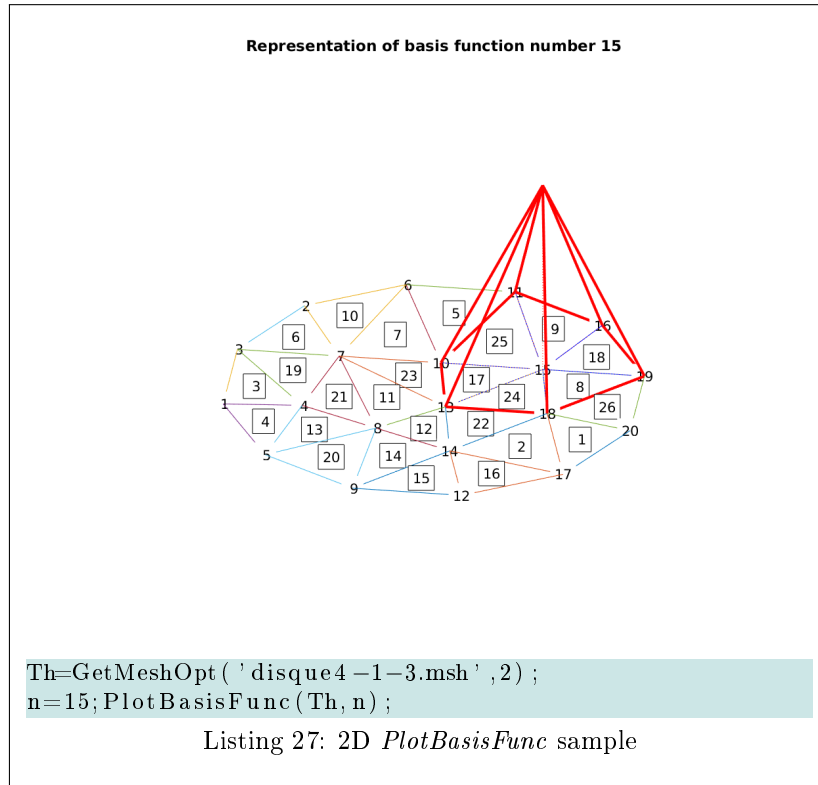
5.6.3 Arguments

Th (input parameter) is a mesh structure (see 4.2)

n (input parameter) vertex number for which the basis function is displayed

No output argument

5.6.4 Examples



6 Representation of nodal variables

In this section some functions are introduced to represent nodal fields on a mesh and its boundaries (only 3D). Here is the summary of the functions described in the section

PlotVal function - To represent a nodal field on a 2D mesh.

PlotVal3D function - To represent a nodal field on a 3D mesh

Plot3DSurfVal function - To represent a nodal field on the boundaries of a 3D mesh.

PlotIsolines function - To display isolines of a scalar field in 2D.

Plot3DSurfIsolines function - To display isolines of a scalar field on the boundaries of a 3D mesh.

6.1 *PlotVal* function (2D)

6.1.1 Description

PlotVal function allows to display a nodal field in 2D. Required arguments are the mesh structure and the field *u*. *u* is an array of doubles of size n_q .

6.1.2 Usage

- Basic usage

```
Th=GetMeshOpt(...);
u=...;
PlotVal(Th,u);
```

- With all options

```
Th=GetMeshOpt ( ... ) ;
u = ... ;
h=PlotVal(Th,u, 'CameraPosition' ,... , 'colormap' ,... , ...
' shading' ,... , 'colorbar' ,... , 'caxis' ,... , 'labels' ,... ) ;
```

6.1.3 Arguments

Th (input parameter) is a mesh structure (see 4.2)

Val (input parameter) is an array of doubles of size Th.nq

CameraPosition (optional parameter of type *addParameter*) is an array of two doubles to set the camera position. Default value is *view(2)*.

colormap (optional parameter of type *addParameter*) is a colormap value. Default value is 'jet'.

shading (optional parameter of type *addParameter*) is a bool to use 'shading interp' or not. Default value is *true*.

colorbar (optional parameter of type *addParameter*) is a bool to display the colorbar or not. Default value is *true*.

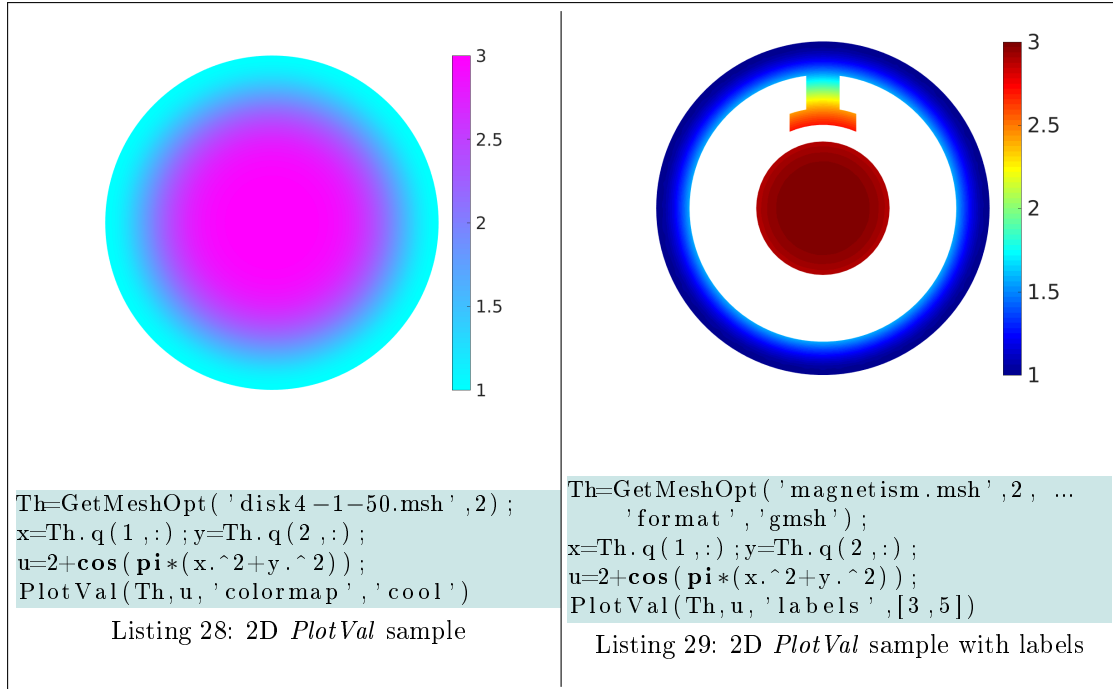
caxis (optional parameter of type *addParameter*) is an array of four doubles to set the axis. Default value is an empty array.

labels (optional parameter of type *addParameter*) is an array of labels (integer) to plot the field on specific regions.

h optional output argument returns the handle to the figure

6.1.4 Examples

Listing 28 shows an example of *PlotVal* with colormap option. Listing 29 is another example of *PlotVal* function with labels option.



6.2 *PlotVal3D* function

6.2.1 Description

PlotVal3D function allows to display a nodal field in 3D. Required arguments are the mesh structure and the field u. u is an array of doubles of size n_q.

6.2.2 Usage

- Basic usage

```
u = ...;  
PlotVal3D(Th, u);
```

- With all options

```
Th=GetMeshOpt(...);  
u = ...;  
h=PlotVal3D(Th, u, 'colormap', ..., 'shading', ..., 'colorbar', ..., ...  
    'caxis', ..., 'PlotOptions', ...);
```

6.2.3 Arguments

Th (input parameter) is a mesh structure (see 4.2)

u (input parameter) array of doubles of size Th.nq

colormap (optional parameter of type *addParameter*) is a colormap value. Default value is 'jet'.

shading (optional parameter of type *addParameter*) is a bool to use 'shading interp' or not. Default value is *true*.

colorbar (optional parameter of type *addParameter*) is a bool to display the colorbar or not. Default value is *true*.

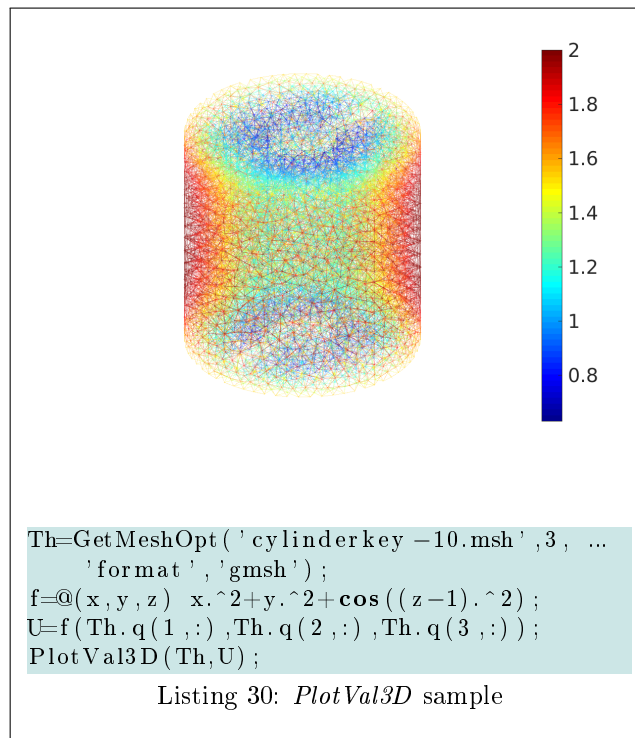
caxis (optional parameter of type *addParameter*) is an array of four doubles to set the axis. Default value is an empty array.

PlotOptions (optional parameter of type *addParameter*) is a cell for defining plotting options. Default value is an empty cell.

h optional output argument returns the handle to the figure

6.2.4 Examples

Listing 30 is a basic example of *PlotVal3D*.



6.3.1 Description

Plot3DSurfVal allows to represent a nodal field on the surface of a 3D mesh. Required arguments are the mesh structure and the field *u*. *u* is an array of doubles of size n_q .

6.3.2 Usage

- Basic usage

```
Th=GetMeshOpt ( ... ) ;
u = ... ;
Plot3DSurfVal ( ... ) ;
```

- With all options

```
Th=GetMeshOpt ( ... ) ;
u = ... ;
Plot3DSurfVal(Th,u, 'colormap' ,... , 'colorbar' ,... , ...
    'labels' ,... , 'PlotOptions' ,... ) ;
```

6.3.3 Arguments

***Th* (input parameter)** is a mesh structure (see 4.2)

***u* (input parameter)** array of doubles of size *Th.nq*

***colormap* (optional parameter of type *addParameter*)** is a colormap value. Default value is 'jet'.

***colorbar* (optional parameter of type *addParameter*)** is a bool to display the colorbar or not. Default value is *true*.

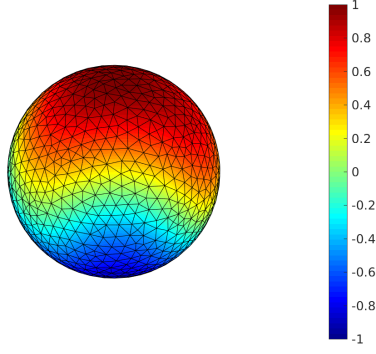
***labels* (optional parameter of type *addParameter*)** is an array of labels (integer) to represent the field only on specific boundaries.

***PlotOptions* (optional parameter of type *addParameter*)** is a cell for defining plotting options. Default value is an empty cell.

No output argument

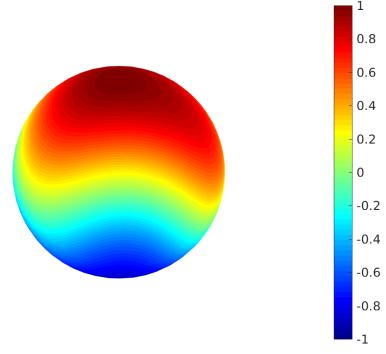
6.3.4 Examples

The figure in Listing 31 shows the representation of a field on a sphere. The Figure in Listing 32 represents the same except there is no *EdgeColor* as required by *PlotOptions*. Figure in Listing 33 represents the same but shows only some regions as *labels* option is used. Figure in Listing 34 represents the same figure as the first page of the report, combining the use of *PlotMesh*, *PlotBounds* and *Plot3DSurfVal* functions.



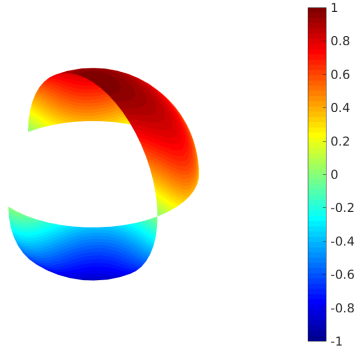
```
Th=GetMeshOpt('sphere8-4.msh',3, ...
    'format','gmsh');
f=@(x,y,z) x.*y.^2+z;
Plot3DSurfVal(Th,f(Th.q(1,:), ...
    Th.q(2,:),Th.q(3,:)))
```

Listing 31: *Plot3DSurfVal* sample



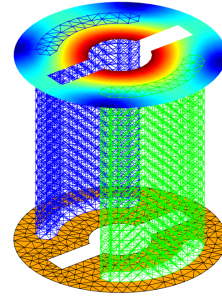
```
Th=GetMeshOpt('sphere8-4.msh',3, ...
    'format','gmsh');
f=@(x,y,z) x.*y.^2+z;
Plot3DSurfVal(Th,f(Th.q(1,:), ...
    Th.q(2,:),Th.q(3,:)), ...
    'PlotOptions',{ 'EdgeColor','none' })
```

Listing 32: *Plot3DSurfVal* sample with *PlotOptions*



```
Th=GetMeshOpt('sphere8-4.msh',3, ...
    'format','gmsh');
f=@(x,y,z) x.*y.^2+z;
Plot3DSurfVal(Th,f(Th.q(1,:), ...
    Th.q(2,:),Th.q(3,:)), 'labels', ...
    [2,3,5], 'PlotOptions', ...
    { 'EdgeColor','none' })
```

Listing 33: *Plot3DSurfVal* sample with labels



```
Th=GetMeshOpt( ...
    'FlowVelocity3d01-3.msh',3);
PlotBounds(Th,'labels',1000,'Color', ...
    'orange','legend',false);
PlotMesh(Th,'labels',[8,12]);
f=@(x,y,z) sqrt((-2+4*x.^2).^2+ ...
    (-2+4*y.^2).^2).*exp(-(x.^2+y.^2));
U=f(Th.q(1,:),Th.q(2,:),Th.q(3,:));
Plot3DSurfVal(Th,U,'labels',[2000 ...
    2020 2021], 'colorbar',false, ...
    'PlotOptions',{ 'EdgeColor','none' })
```

Listing 34: *Plot3DSurfVal* and other functions

6.4 *PlotIsolines* function (2D)

6.4.1 Description

PlotIsolines function allows to display isolines of a scalar field in 2D. Required arguments are the mesh structure and the field U . U is an array of doubles of size n_q . The function uses the external toolboxes *gptoolbox* (see [9]) and *colorbarf* ([6]).

6.4.2 Usage

- Basic usage

```
Th=GetMeshOpt ( ... ) ;  
U=...;  
PlotIsolines (Th,U) ;
```

- With all options

```
Th=GetMeshOpt ( ... ) ;  
U=...;  
[ col , isor ]=PlotIsolines (Th,U, 'niso ' ,... , 'colormap ' ,... , 'colorbar ' ,... , ...  
    'PlotOptions ' ,... , 'isorange ' ,... , 'labels ' ,... ) ;
```

6.4.3 Arguments

Th (input parameter) is a mesh structure (see 4.2)

U (input parameter) array of doubles of size Th.nq

niso (optional parameter of type *addParameter*) is an integer which sets the number of isolines to be plotted. Default value is 10.

colormap (optional parameter of type *addParameter*) is a colormap value. Default value is 'jet'.

colorbar (optional parameter of type *addParameter*) is a bool to display the colorbar or not. Default value is *false*.

PlotOptions (optional parameter of type *addParameter*) is a cell for defining plotting options. Default value is an empty cell.

plan (optional parameter of type *addParameter*) (bool) To plot isolines in 2D in the xOy-plane (if true) or in 3D (if false). Default value is false.

isorange (optional parameter of type *addParameter*) is an array of integers which defines the isoline values. Default value is an empty array and niso isoline values are set in proportion in the range of minimum and maximum values.

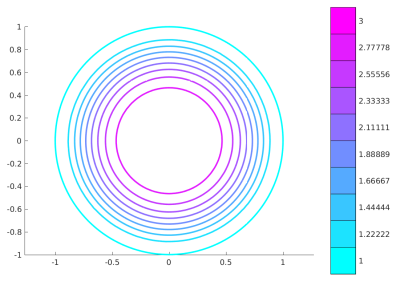
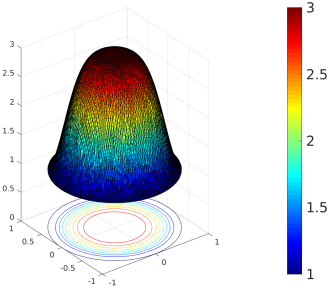
labels (optional parameter of type *addParameter*) is an array of labels (integer) to plot only specific regions. Default value is an empty array.

[col,isor] optional output arguments . *col* is the array of RGB colors used by the plot. *isor* is the array of isoline values.

PlotIsolines allows to plot isolines for a 2D variable.

6.4.4 Examples

The figure in Listing 35 displays isolines of a 2D field using colorbar and PlotOptions option. The Figure in Listing 36 represents the same but it also gives the 3D representation of the field using *trisurf* function.

 <pre> Th=GetMeshOpt('disk4-1-50.msh',2); x=Th.q(1,:);y=Th.q(2,:); u=2+cos(pi*(x.^2+y.^2)); [colors,values]=PlotIsolines(Th,u,... 'colorbar',true,'PlotOptions',... {'linewidth',2},... 'colormap','cool'); </pre> Listing 35: <i>PlotIsolines</i> sample	 <pre> Th=GetMeshOpt('disk4-1-50.msh',2); x=Th.q(1,:);y=Th.q(2,:); u=2+cos(pi*(x.^2+y.^2)); trisurf(Th.me',Th.q(1,:),Th.q(2,:),u); PlotIsolines(Th,u,'plan',true); if isOctave();axis([-1 1 -1 1 -0.1 ... 3.1]);end </pre> Listing 36: <i>PlotIsolines</i> sample with trisurf
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6.5 *Plot3DSurfIsolines* function

6.5.1 Description

Plot3DSurfIsolines function allows to display isolines of a scalar field on the surface of a 3D mesh. Required arguments are the mesh structure and the field Val. Val is an array of doubles of size n_q .

6.5.2 Usage

- Basic usage

```

Th=GetMeshOpt(...);
Val=...;
Plot3DSurfIsolines(Th,Val);

```

- With all options

```

Th=GetMeshOpt(...);
Val=...;
Plot3DSurfIsolines(Th,Val,'niso',...,'colormap',...,'colorbar',...,...
    'PlotOptions',...,'isorange',...,'labels',...);

```

6.5.3 Arguments

Th (input parameter) is a mesh structure (see 4.2)

Val (input parameter) array of doubles of size Th.nq

niso (optional parameter of type *addParameter*) is an integer which sets the number of isolines to be plotted. Default value is 10.

colormap (optional parameter of type *addParameter*) is a colormap value. Default value is 'jet'.

colorbar (optional parameter of type *addParameter*) is a bool to display the colorbar or not. Default value is *false*.

PlotOptions (optional parameter of type *addParameter*) is a cell for defining plotting options. Default value is an empty cell.

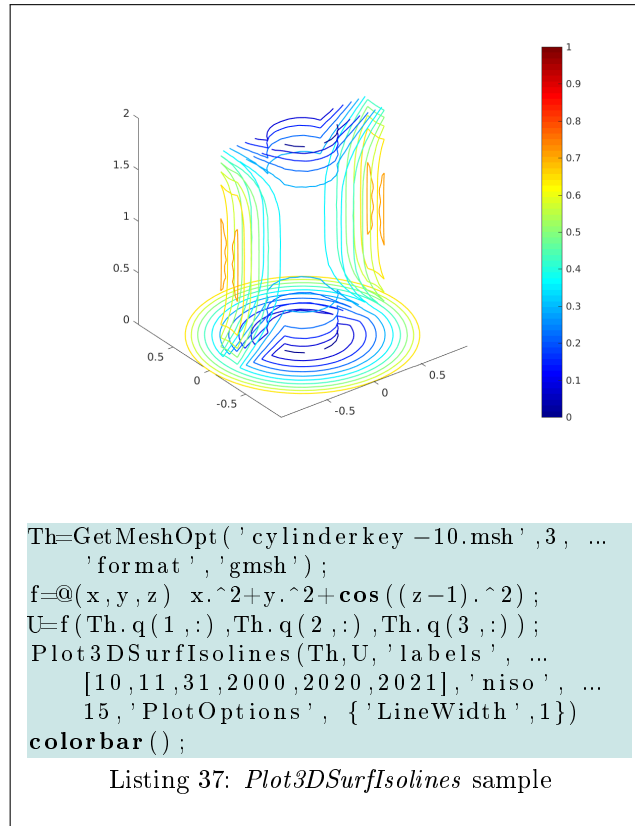
isorange (optional parameter of type *addParameter*) is an array of integers which defines the range of isoline values. Default value is an empty array and niso isoline values are set in proportion in the range of minimum and maximum values.

labels (optional parameter of type *addParameter*) is an array of labels (integer) to plot only on specific boundaries. Default value is an empty array.

[col,isor] optional output arguments . *col* is the array of RGB colors used by the plot. *isor* is the array of isoline values.

6.5.4 Examples

The figure in Listing 35 displays isolines of a 3D field. Isolines are represented on some specific boundaries given in labels option. PlotOptions and niso options are also used.



7 Creating VTK files with *vtkWrite* function

In this section some functions are introduced to export representations to the VTK file format.

There are several visualization tools which read VTK files: VisIt, Mayavi, ParaView, ... ParaView is used in the next figures.

The function *vtkWrite* in the toolbox makes the conversion to the *VTK* format. This function not only writes the mesh structure into a file but also scalar or vector nodal values.

The *VTK* file can be loaded by ParaView. To really proceed the visualization, the user has to know how to use ParaView.

In a Linux terminal, a VTK file can be visualized with ParaView using the following command

```
paraview --data=magnetism.vtk
```

7.1 Mesh representation in VTK format

7.1.1 Description

In the toolbox the function *vtkWrite* enables to create a VTK file containing the mesh properties. A VTK file name and a mesh structure are required.

7.1.2 Usage

- Basic usage

```
Th=GetMeshOpt ( ... ) ;  
vtkWrite( cFileName , Th ) ;
```

7.1.3 Arguments

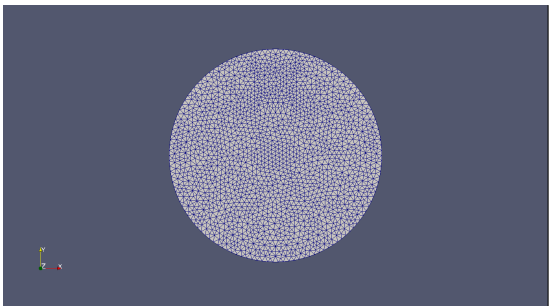
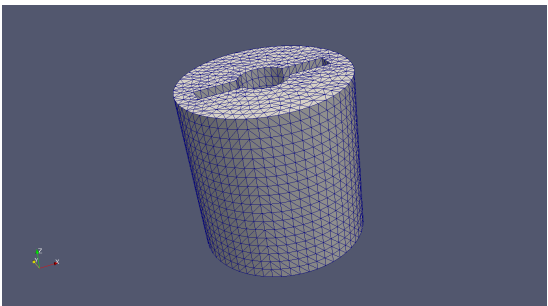
cFileName (input parameter) is a string for the VTK file name (with .vtk extension)

Th (input parameter) is a mesh structure (see 4.2)

No output argument

7.1.4 Examples

Listings 38 and 39 show examples of creating VTK files to represent a 2D or 3D mesh. The figures are identical to those of Listings 11 and 12.

	
<pre>Th=GetMeshOpt('magnetism.msh' , 2 , ... 'format' , 'gmsht') ; vtkWrite('magnetism.vtk' , Th) ;</pre>	<pre>Th3=GetMeshOpt(... 'FlowVelocity3d01-3.mesh' , 3) ; vtkWrite('flowvel3d.vtk' , Th3) ;</pre>
Listing 38: VTK file for a 2D mesh in ParaView	Listing 39: VTK file for a 3D mesh in ParaView

7.2 Visualization of scalar or vector fields in VTK format

7.2.1 Description

The function *vtkWrite* also enables to create a VTK file containing the mesh properties and values to be displayed. A VTK file name, a mesh structure, a cell containing fields and a cell containing strings for the field names are required.

7.2.2 Usage

- Basic usage

```
Th=GetMeshOpt ( ... ) ;  
U = ... ;  
names = ... ;  
vtkWrite( cFileName , Th , U , names ) ;
```

7.2.3 Arguments

cFileName (input parameter) is a string which contains the VTK file name (with .vtk extension)

Th (input parameter) is a mesh structure (see 4.2)

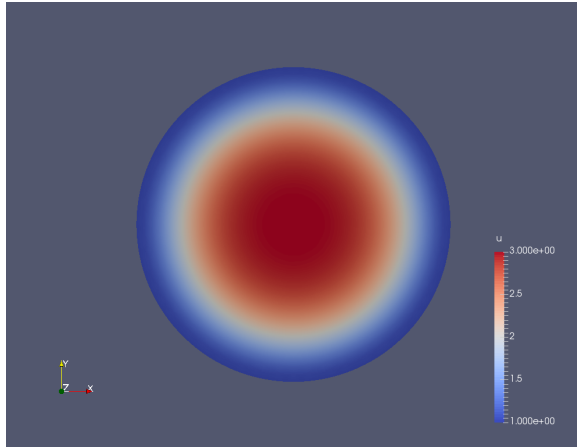
U (input parameter) is a cell which contains all the field values to be saved in the VTK file. For a vector field, the cell contains an array. Arrays must be transposed.

names (input parameter) is a cell variable which contains the names of the field values

No output argument

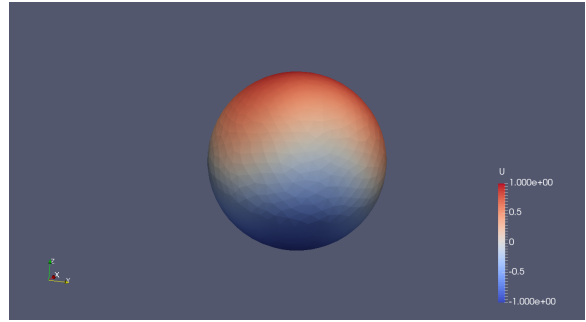
7.2.4 Examples

Listings 40 and 41 are examples of creation of VTK file containing mesh properties and scalar values. There are two scalar values in the 3D example. Listing 42 shows an example of VTK file showing the magnitude of a vector variable. Listing 43 is an example of VTK file showing the Y-component of a vector variable with streamlines.



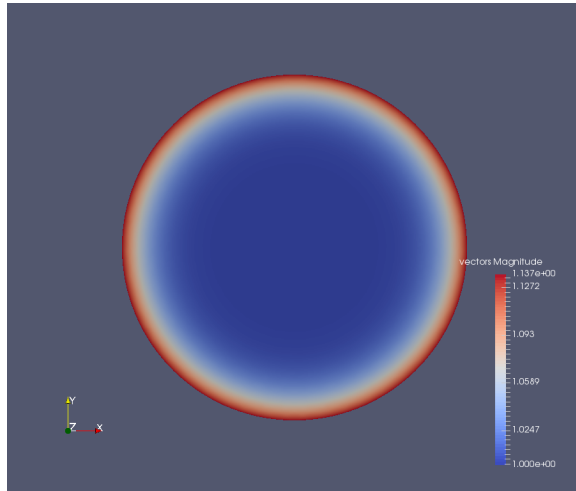
```
Th=GetMeshOpt('magnetism.msh',2, ...
    'format','gmsh');
U=2+cos(pi*(Th.q(1,:).^2+Th.q(2,:).^2));
vtkWrite('magnetism-s.vtk',Th, ...
    {U},{ 'u' });
```

Listing 40: VTK/2D scalar results



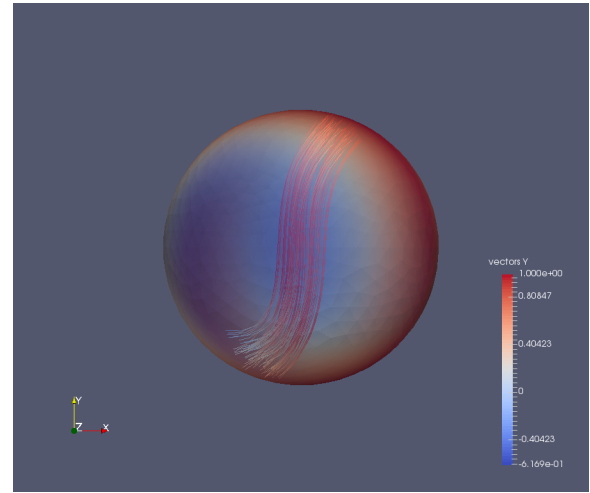
```
Th3=GetMeshOpt('sphere8-4.msh',3, ...
    'format','gmsh');
U=cos(Th3.q(1,:).^2+ ...
    Th3.q(2,:).^2+Th3.q(3,:).^2);
V=cos(Th3.q(1,:).^2+ ...
    Th3.q(2,:).^2+Th3.q(3,:).^2);
vtkWrite('sphere8-4-s.vtk',Th3, ...
    {U,V},{ 'u', 'v' });
```

Listing 41: VTK/3D scalar results



```
Th=GetMeshOpt('magnetism.msh',2, ...
    'format','gmsh');
U{1}=Th.q(1,:).^2+Th.q(2,:).^2;
U{2}=cos(U{1});
vtkWrite('magnetism-v.vtk',Th, ...
    {[U{1}',U{2}']},{ 'U' });
```

Listing 42: vtk/2D vector results



```
Th3=GetMeshOpt('sphere8-4.msh',3, ...
    'format','gmsh');
U{1}=Th3.q(1,:).^2+Th3.q(2,:).^2+ ...
    Th3.q(3,:).^2;
U{2}=cos(Th3.q(1,:)-2*Th3.q(3,:));
U{3}=sin(Th3.q(1,:)+Th3.q(2,:));
vtkWrite('sphere8-4-v.vtk',Th3, ...
    {[U{1}',U{2}',U{3}']},{ 'U' });
```

Listing 43: vtk/3D vector results - streamlines

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